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SUBJ: TWENTY-SEVEN CUBANS ARRIVE IN CARACAS

1. TWENTY-SEVEN CUBANS ARRIVED MARCH 18 IN CARACAS, AFTER THE GOV APPLIED ITS "GOOD OFFICES" ON THEIR BEHALF. MANY OF THE GROUP HAVE FAMILY TIES TO CUBANS ALREADY LIVING IN VENEZUELA AND INTEND TO REMAIN HERE. A FEW PLAN TO GO TO THE US, WHILE SEVERAL EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO SOON RETURN TO CUBA. FIVE OF THE GROUP WERE BETWEEN 16 AND 27 YEARS OLD. THE REST RANGED BETWEEN 60 AND 81 YEARS. NEITHER OF THE TWO CUBANS WHO PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT ASYLUM IN VENEZUELA'S EMBASSY IN HAVANA WERE AMONG THOSE ARRIVING MARCH 18.

2. COMMENT: THE GOC REPORTEDLY INITIATED DISCUSSIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME (PERHAPS AS LONG AS FOUR YEARS), WHICH WOULD FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF A NUMBER OF CUBAN CITIZENS TO VENEZUELA. ANOTHER GROUP OF ABOUT THIRTY-THREE CUBANS IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO CARACAS SHORTLY. THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GOC SERVES AS A PERSONAL GESTURE TO PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND WILL NO DOUBT EASE TO SOME EXTENT THE RECENTLY STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN PEREZ AND THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY RESIDENT IN VENEZUELA.
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THE GOC, HOWEVER, REMAINS ADAMANT ABOUT REFUSING SAFE CONDUCT PASSAGE TO TWO CUBANS PRESENTLY LIVING IN THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN HAVANA AND WHO ARE CONSIDERED COMMON CRIMINALS. IN TURN, THE GOV HAS APPARENTLY NOT PUSHED THE CASE OF THE TWO CUBANS VERY HARD. END COMMENT.

3. NAMES AS FURNISHED IN THE PRESS:

1. ROBERT HERRERA Y REAL
2. GRACIELA CASTRO Y PEREZ DO CORCHO
3. AIDA MARRERO Y GOMEZ (AIDA MARIA MARRERO GONZALEZ)
4. YOLANDA MARIA ARIAS MARRERO
5. ALBERTO ZAIDNER SUAREZ
6. AMERICA ZAIDNER SUAREZ
7. MIGUEL RICARDO GONZALEZ Y ARTIGA(ARTILES)
8. OLGA DEL CARMEN VIATLIA LAYA VIVANCO
9. POSSIBLE A SISTER OF THE ABOE, FULL NAME UNKNONW,
FIRST NAME ALSO OLGA.
10. EMILIO JACINTO IGNACIO FELICE LAYA VIVANCO
11. HONORE MANUEL ALBERTO ARIAS MARRERO (ONOFRE ROBERTO
ARIAS MARRERO)
12. MARIO MANUEL DE LA TRINIDAD ESCOTO Y DELGADO (ALSO
SCOTO)
13. AMERICA PERFECTA SUAREZ JAQUETA (JOQUETE)
14. MARIA DE JESUS DE FLORES GARICA (MARIA DE JESUS GRACIA
PAREDES)
15. JORGE AURELIO GRAU FERRER
16. ISABEL MARIA ESCOTO CASTRO (SCOTO)
17. BALTAZAR ALONSO FIERRO (ALONSO FIERRO BALTAZAR)
18. CARLOTA CLEOTILDE MARTEL NEVADO (MARTELL)
19. FRANCISCO CASIANO BALEIRO GUERRA (BALZEIRO)
20. MARIA MERCEDES GUERRA FLORES
21. ANTONIO DE JESUS CASILDO GRANDA Y MOZA (POSSIBLY
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- ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, NAME UNKNONW)
22. FRANCISCO VIDAL JIMENEZ
 23. RAMONA HERNANDEZ ULEY
 24. MARIA DEL PILAR GIL MARTIN (MARIA GILBERTINI)
 25. MARIO EXCOTO DELGADO (SCOTO)
 26. NILDA BARRIENTOS
 27. AMALIA MORENO(POSSIBLY CHILEAN CITIZEN).
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